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## WHAT IS CLAIMED:

- 1. A dielectric thin film prepared by polymerizing an ethylenic-containing precursor with a benzocyclobutane-containing precursor.
- 2. The dielectric thin film of claim 1, wherein the ethylenic-containing precursor has a general structure of:

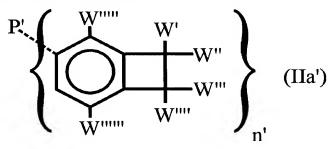
$$P-(-Z-W)_{n^{o}}$$
 (Ia);

wherein, W is hydrogen, fluorine or a fluorinated phenyl;

P is an aromatic-moiety with a general structure of  $-C_6H_{4-n}F_n$  -(n = 0 to 4);  $-C_6H_{4-n}F_n$ -CF<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4-n</sub>F<sub>n</sub> - (n = 0 to 8);  $-C_{10}H_{6-n}F_n$ - (n = 0 to 6), or  $-C_{12}H_{8-n}F_n$  - (n = 0 to 8);

Z is a moiety having an ethylenic group; and no is an integer of at least 2, but is less than total sp<sup>2</sup>C substitutions on the P aromatic-moiety;

3. The dielectric thin film of claim 1, wherein the benzocyclobutane containing precursor has a general structure of:



wherein, W is hydrogen, fluorine or a fluorinated phenyl;

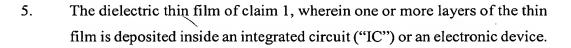
P' is an aromatic-moiety with a general structure of  $-C_6H_{4-n}F_n$  -(n = 0 to 4);  $-C_6H_{4-n}F_n$ -CF<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4-n</sub>F<sub>n</sub> - (n = 0 to 8);  $-C_{10}H_{6-n}F_n$ - (n = 0 to 6), or  $-C_{12}H_{8-n}F_n$  - (n = 0 to 8); and

n' is an integer of at least 2, but is less than total sp<sup>2</sup>C substitutions on the P' aromatic-moiety;

4. The dielectric thin film of claim 1, wherein the dielectric thin film has a dielectric constant ("\varepsilon") value equal to or less than 2.6.

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- 6. The dielectric thin film of claim 5, wherein the electronic device comprises an active matrix liquid crystal display, or a fiber optic device.
- 5 7. The dielectric thin film of claim 5, wherein the IC is manufactured via a dual damascene process comprising the dielectric thin film.
  - 8. A dielectric thin film prepared by polymerizing an ethylenic-containing precursor with a biphenyl-containing precursor.
  - 9. The dielectric thin film of claim 8, wherein the ethylenic-containing precursor has a general structure of:

$$P-(-Z-W)_{n^o}$$
 (Ia);

wherein, W is hydrogen, fluorine or a fluorinated phenyl; P is an aromatic-moiety with a general structure of  $-C_6H_{4-n}F_n$  -(n = 0 to 4);  $-C_6H_{4-n}F_n$ -CF<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4-n</sub>F<sub>n</sub> - (n = 0 to 8);  $-C_{10}H_{6-n}F_n$ - (n = 0 to 6), or  $-C_{12}H_{8-n}F_n$  - (n = 0 to 8);

Z is a moiety having an ethylenic group; and no is an integer of at least 2, but is less than total sp<sup>2</sup>C substitutions on the P aromatic-moiety;

10. The dielectric thin film of claim 8, wherein the biphenyl containing precursor has a general structure of:

$$P' = \left\{ \begin{array}{c} W \\ W''' \end{array} \right\}_{n''} \quad \text{(IIb')}$$

wherein, W is hydrogen, fluorine or a fluorinated phenyl;

P' is an aromatic-moiety with a general structure of  $-C_6H_{4-n}F_n$  -(n = 0 to 4);  $-C_6H_{4-n}F_n$ -CF<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4-n</sub>F<sub>n</sub> - (n = 0 to 8);  $-C_{10}H_{6-n}F_n$ - (n = 0 to 6), or  $-C_{12}H_{8-n}F_n$  - (n = 0 to 8); and

n" is an integer of at least 2, but is less than total sp<sup>2</sup>C substitutions on the P' aromatic-moiety;

- 11. The dielectric thin film of claim 8, wherein the dielectric thin film has a dielectric constant (ε) value equal to or less than 2.6.
  - 12. The dielectric thin film of claim 8, wherein one or more layers of the thin film is deposited on an integrated circuit ("IC") or an electronic device.
  - 13. The dielectric thin film of claim 12, wherein the electronic device comprises an active matrix liquid crystal display, or a fiber optic device.
    - 14. The dielectric thin film of claim 12, wherein the IC is manufactured via a dual damascene process comprising the dielectric thin film.
    - 15. A dielectric thin film prepared by polymerizing an ethylenic-containing precursor with a dieneone-containing precursor.

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16. The dielectric thin film of claim 15, wherein the ethylenic-containing precursor has a general structure of:

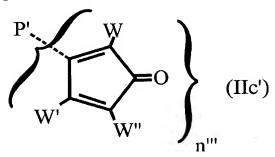
$$P-(-Z-W)_{n^{o}}$$
 (Ia);

wherein, W is hydrogen, fluorine or a fluorinated phenyl;

P is an aromatic-moiety with a general structure of  $-C_6H_{4-n}F_n$  -(n = 0 to 4);  $-C_6H_{4-n}F_n$ -CF<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4-n</sub>F<sub>n</sub> - (n = 0 to 8);  $-C_{10}H_{6-n}F_n$ - (n = 0 to 6), or  $-C_{12}H_{8-n}F_n$  - (n = 0 to 8);

Z is a moiety having an ethylenic group; and no is an integer of at least 2, but is less than total sp<sup>2</sup>C substitutions on the P aromatic-moiety;

17. The dielectric thin film of claim 15, wherein the dieneone-containing precursor has a general structure of:



wherein, W is hydrogen, fluorine or a fluorinated phenyl;

P' is an aromatic-moiety with a general structure of  $-C_6H_{4-n}F_n$  -(n = 0 to 4);  $-C_6H_{4-n}F_n$ -CF<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4-n</sub>F<sub>n</sub>- (n = 0 to 8);  $-C_{10}H_{6-n}F_n$ - (n = 0 to 6), or  $-C_{12}H_{8-n}F_n$  - (n = 0 to 8); and

n'" is an integer of at least 2, but is less than total sp<sup>2</sup>C substitutions on the P' aromatic-moiety;

- 18. The dielectric thin film of claim 15, wherein the dielectric thin film has a dielectric constant (ε) value equal to or less than 2.6.
  - 19. The dielectric thin film of claim 15, wherein one or more layers of the thin film is deposited on an integrated circuit ("IC") or an electronic device.

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- 20. The dielectric thin film of claim 19, wherein the electronic device comprises an active matrix liquid crystal display or a fiber optic device.
- 21. The dielectric thin film of claim 19, wherein the IC is manufactured via a dual damascene process comprising the dielectric thin film.
- - (a) dissolving or suspending the precursors in a solvent to give a solution or suspension of the precursor in the solvent;
  - (b) spinning the solution or the suspension of the precursors in the solvent onto a substrate to form a thin wet film;
  - (c) heating the thin wet film to a temperature that is below a boilingtemperature of the solvent to remove most of the solvent from the thin wet film to form a thin dried film; and
  - (d) heating the thin dried film to a temperature that is below a glasstransition temperature of the thin dried film to give the dielectric thin film material
  - 23. The method of claim 22 wherein, a rate of heating the wet film occurs at 3 to 5°C per minute to a maximum temperature that is below the boiling-temperature of the solvent.
  - 24. The method of claim 23 wherein, the wet thin film is heated to a maximum temperature that ranges from 5 to 50°C below the boiling-temperature of the solvent.
    - 25. The method of claim 22 wherein, a rate of heating the thin dried film occurs at 10°C per minute to a maximum temperature that is below the glass-transition temperature of the thin dried film.

26. The method of claim 25 wherein, the thin dried film is heated to a maximum temperature that ranges from 10 to 20°C below the glass-transition temperature of the thin dried film.